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Letter dated 14 November 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter dated 14 November 2001, addressed to you by His Excellency Mr. Aytuğ Plümer, Representative of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (see annex), which contains in its enclosure the letter dated 12 November 2001, also addressed to you, by His Excellency Mr. Rauf R. Denktaş, President of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus.

I should be grateful if the text of the present letter and its annex would be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 62, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Ümit **Pamir**
Ambassador
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Annex to the letter dated 14 November 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to convey herewith a copy of the letter dated 12 November 2001 addressed to you by His Excellency Mr. Rauf R. Denktaş, President of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, concerning your good offices mission (see appendix).

I should be grateful if the present letter and its enclosures could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 62, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Aytuğ Plümer
Representative
Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus

Appendix

Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus

President's Office

12 November 2001

I am enclosing the paper titled "Objectives and basic parameters of a Cyprus settlement", which formed the basis of our position in our meeting of 28 August 2001 in Salzburg (see attachment).

These parameters are, in fact, in line with the ideas and principles that have emerged from your good offices mission and reflect the realities of the island, as well as the objective of establishing a new partnership between the two parties of equal status in Cyprus, as set out in your statement of 12 September 2000.

I thought I should draw your attention to our continued commitment to the establishment of a new partnership in Cyprus in line with the objectives and parameters contained in the enclosed paper.

(*Signed*) Rauf R. Denktaş
President

Attachment

Objectives and basic parameters of a Cyprus settlement

- Two co-owner peoples and their co-founding status.
- Freely negotiated and mutually acceptable settlement. Integrated whole principle.
- Two equal and sovereign Partner States representing two distinct peoples respectively.
- Bi-zonality which has actually been brought by the 1975 Voluntary Population Exchange Agreement under the auspices of the United Nations.
- Establishment of a new partnership structure by the two Partner States.
- National, cultural, religious, linguistic, political, economic and social identity as well as integrity and security of each Partner State will be safeguarded with the settlement.
- Each party represents its own side and no one else.
- One party cannot claim jurisdiction and sovereignty over the other party.
- Each Partner State has its sovereignty and jurisdiction over its own people and territory within its constitutional order.
- The new partnership structure shall be competent in matters which are explicitly assigned to it by the Partner States.
- The new partnership will have one international personality as per the competencies assigned by the Partner States to the partnership. The external representation of the new structure will reflect the bi-national nature of the new partnership.
- Creating an environment of mutual confidence, cooperation and partnership through confidence-building measures and removal of the embargoes. Removal of the embargoes will contribute to the process.
- Refrain from any action which could impair the negotiation process.
- The comprehensive settlement will be submitted to separate referendums in both sides.
- 1960 Treaties of Guarantee and of Alliance shall remain in force.
- The comprehensive settlement following its adoption after separate referendums will serve as the founding document of the new partnership.
- Global exchange of property and/or compensation through a Joint Property Claims Commission.
- The two Partner States will respect each other's special relationship with their motherlands.
- Most-favoured-national treatment to be accorded to Turkey and Greece.
- Neither Greece nor Turkey will have a more favourable position in Cyprus than the other.

- The nationals of each Partner State will also be citizens of the new structure.
- Equal participation and rotation in all institutions of the new structure; decision-making on the basis of consensus.
- The two Partner States will retain their right to enter into agreements and relations with foreign Governments and regional or international organizations in their areas of competence.
- European Union membership will be decided as part of the comprehensive agreement and be submitted to separate referendums.
- The parties shall terminate all current or pending recourse before an international body against the other State or Greece or Turkey.